

Appl. No. 10/064,410
Amdt. dated April 16, 2007
Reply to Office action of January 16, 2007

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig.1 and Fig.2. These sheets, which include Fig.1 and Fig.2, replace the original sheets including Fig.1 and Fig.2. Fig.1 has been
5 labeled as "Prior art" as required by the Examiner. In Fig.2, elements 51, 52, 53, 54, 531, 532, and 533 have been removed.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

5 This is a full and timely response to the Office action of January 16, 2007. Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended. Claims 17-19 have been cancelled. Fig.1 and Fig.2 have been amended. Several paragraphs of the specification have been amended as indicated in the “Amendments to the Specification” section of this response. No new material has been introduced. Reconsideration

I. Drawings

- 10 1. Fig.1 has been amended to include the legend “Prior Art” as required.
2. Fig.2 has been amended to include the numeral “711” associated with the “Synchronization word” and in Paragraph 20, line 2.
3. Fig.2 has been amended by removing reference numerals 51, 52, 53, 54, 531, 532, and 533 along with the associated boxes.
- 15 No new material has been introduced. Reconsideration of the drawings is respectfully requested.

II. Specification

- 20 1. Paragraph [0015] has been amended to describe Fig.2 as “a block diagram of an MP3 file”. Also, paragraph [0020], line 10 has been amended as required. Underscores have not been removed as suggested because connections because respective connections between “main_data” and “main_data_begin” are intended, as they are names of fields in an MP3 file (at least claim 1 supports). Removal of the underscore may alter the intended meanings.
- 25 2. Paragraph [0017] has been amended to include support for “Huffman decoding” and is supported by claim 19 as originally filed.

3. Paragraph [0006] has been amended to include Fig.2 reference numerals 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Paragraphs [0023] and [0026] have been respectfully amended to include references to steps 910 and 909 shown in Fig.3.

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No new material has been introduced. Reconsideration of the specification is respectfully requested.

III. Claim rejections

10 Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lueck et al. (U.S. Patent 6,721,710) in view of Wang (U.S. Patent 7,069,208) as applied to Claims 7 and 17-19, in further view of Lee (U.S. Patent 6,292,440) as applied to Claims 17-19. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

15 Claims 1 and 4 have been slightly amended for informalities reasons only. No new material has been introduced and no new issues have been raised.

20 Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitation of "locating a second frame which is downstream to the first frame, if a value in the totalizer is equal to or larger than a value in a main_data_begin field of the second frame, decoding the stream of frames starting from the second frame using both the first main_data field stored in the input buffer and a main_data field of the second frame".

25 Lueck does not specifically teach the method now delimited by claim 7. One example untaught limitations is decoding starting from the second frame and using both the data stored in the buffer and the main_data field of the second frame.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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